

**REMARKS**

Claims 1-8 are pending in the Application, of which claim 1 is independent. Applicants amend claims 1, 4, and 8 and cancel claims 2 and 3 without prejudice or disclaimer.

Applicants thank the Examiner for indicating that claims 3-8 would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims (Office Action at page 3). Therefore, Applicants amend claim 1 to include the limitations of claim 2 and 3. Further, Applicants amend dependent claim 8 to include the limitations formerly recited in independent claim 1, transforming claim 8 into an independent claim. Applicants respectfully submit that the foregoing amendments render claims 1 and 4-8 allowable, and respectfully request that the Examiner pass claims 1 and 4-8 to issuance.

Applicants amend the Specification as requested by the Examiner. Applicants therefore respectfully request that the Examiner withdraw the objection to the Specification.

**CONCLUSION**

In view of the above, Applicants believe that the pending application is in condition for allowance. If the Examiner deems that issues persist, please contact the Applicants' attorney.

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